Small Game Seasons on Private Lands



Statewide Youth Day

Private lands

Game Zone limits apply

Raccoon: September 8 Squirrel: September 29 Quail: November 17 Rabbit: March 8, 2008

All Game Zones Statewide Seasons on Private Lands

Mourning Doves	Sept 1-3 (afternoons only) Sept. 4-Oct. 6 Nov. 17-24 Dec. 21-Jan. 15	12 per day
Crow	Nov. 1-Mar. 1	No Limit
Quail	Mar. 2-Nov. 18, 2007 (dogs only) Nov. 19-Mar. 1 guns & dogs Mar. 2-Nov. 23, 2008 (dogs only)	12 per day
Rabbit	Mar. 2, 2007-Nov. 21 2007 (dogs or	nly) 5 per day
	Nov. 22-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2-Nov. 26, 2008 (dogs only)	
Squirrel	Mar. 2-Sept. 30, 2007 (dogs only) Oct. 1-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2-Sept. 30, 2008 (dogs only)	10 per day
Fox	Nov. 22-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2-Nov. 26, 2008 (no guns)	No Limit
Beaver	Year-round	No Limit
Coyote Electronic calls are l	Year-round legal	No Limit
Other Furbearers (Bobcat, Otter, Min	Nov. 22-Mar. 1 k, Muskrat, Skunk, Weasel)	No Limit
Grouse	Nov. 22-Mar.1 Game Zone 1 only	3 per day

Game Zone 1 & 2 Private Lands

Raccoon & Opossum: Mar. 2 - Oct. 14, 2007 (dogs only)

Oct. 15 - Mar. 1, 3 per party per day

no limit for opossum

Mar. 2 - Oct. 14, 2008 (dogs only)

Special Firearms Note for hunting in GZ 1: No firearms with shot larger than no. 4 or rifles larger than .22 rimfire, or muzzleloaders greater than .40 cal allowed outside of the open season for deer and bear.

Game Zone 3 & 6 Private Lands

Raccoon & Opossum: Mar. 16 - Sept. 14, 2007 (dogs only)

Sept. 15, 2007 - Mar. 15, 2008

(guns & dogs) no limit

Mar. 16 -Sept. 14, 2008 (dogs only)

Game Zone 4 & 5 Private Lands

Raccoon & Opossum: Mar. 16 -Sept. 14, 2007 (dogs only)

Sept. 15, 2007 - Mar. 15, 2008

(guns & dogs) 3 per party per day no limit for opossum

Mar. 16 -Sept. 14, 2008 (dogs only)

Turkey Seasons on Private Lands



Game Zone 6 Private Lands

Possession and use of tags required. March 15 - May 1 Limit 5 gobblers statewide, no more than 2 per day

General turkey hunting laws and regulations for hunting on private land. See the 2008 Spring Turkey Hunting Brochure for additional information.

- Sunday hunting allowed on private lands (SC 50-11-555).
- Statewide limit of 5 gobblers, no more than 2 per day (Reg. 123-51).
- All hunters, including hunters younger than 16, must possess a set of turkey tags. All harvested turkeys must be tagged prior to transporting. No person may possess more than one set of turkey tags (SC 50-11-544).
- Legal weapons shotguns, muzzleloading shotguns, bows and arrows. All other weapons or methods are prohibited including rifles, pistols, buckshot (50-11-500, Reg. 123-51).
- Turkeys may not be hunted with dogs, live decoys or electronic calls (SC 50-11-40, Reg. 123-51)

- Unlawful to shoot any turkey between 30 minutes after official sunset and 30 minutes before official sunrise. Unlawful to take or attempt to take a wild turkey from a vehicle on a public road. Unlawful to trap or snare wild turkey. Unlawful to take wild turkey from a watercraft (SC 50-11-500).
- Unlawful to hunt or take a wild turkey by means of bait or on or over any baited area (50-11-510). Bait means placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering of salt, corn, wheat, or other grain, or foodstuffs to constitute a lure or attraction for wild turkeys. NOTE: The following activities can result in a baited area if done prior to or during turkey season: discing or manipulating chufa to expose the tubers; mowing or manipulating standing grain crops where grain is scattered or exposed; top sowing of any grains.

The Spring 2008 Turkey Hunting Brochure will be available the last week in February at many, but not all, retail outlets that sell hunting licenses. The brochure will also be available online at http://www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/Turkeyharvest. html or by writing Turkey Brochure, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202.

How to get Turkey Tags.

When you purchased or renewed your hunting license you may have been asked if you turkey hunt. If you answered yes, you should receive a set of turkey tags in the mail in February. If you do not receive tags by mail, turkey tags will be available the last week in February at many, but not all, retail outlets that sell hunting licenses. Tags are also available at DNR offices or online in mid February at http://www.dnr. sc.gov/turkeytags/ or by sending your name, address, and hunting license and big game permit number to Turkey Tags, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202.